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REMARKS

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1. On 22 February 1954, a total of 243 bedsteads were counted in the fourth and fifth story of the former instruction building in See Kaserne (2203), Neuruppin. The quarters were occupied by troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The unit was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Zeminov (fnu).

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In early February, about 200 troops had been newly quartered in the second and third story of the building. The troops belonged to Unit Zemyonov which an estimated 1,000 troops. The third floor included a sick room. On 11 February, about 100 troops were dismissed by an officer and subsequently left the installation for Fridericus Kaserne (2205). Motor vehicles belonged to See Kaserne.

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2. Eight M-13 rocket launchers were in a garage of the former post office on Junker Strasse. Motor vehicles were also observed at this installation.

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3. In the evening on 15 February, about 20 trucks, each towing a 120-mm mortar and carrying troops, left the See Kaserne toward Altruppin. About noon on 19 February, the vehicles returned from the direction of Altruppin. Motor vehicle towing a field kitchen was identified with the column.

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4. Twelve 120-mm guns with 12 trucks were seen in the vehicle sheds of Unit Duronsky in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201).

5. On 19 February, ambulances were seen in the vehicle shed of the former Kreiskrankenhaus (Kreis hospital) on Neustaedter Strasse.

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6. Between 15 and 22 February, the Fridericus Kaserne, Neuruppin, was occupied to capacity. On 15 February, 1 M-3 armored personnel carrier, 1 jeep and 2 sidecar motorcycles entered the installation from Altruppin Allee.

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7. Between 15 and 22 February, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied about 90 percent. number of troops received instruction on 122-mm howitzers in the barracks yard. On 10 February, 2 x 37-mm AA guns and 12 trucks were seen in the installation. Truck towing a 122-mm howitzer was identified.

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8. In mid-February, the See Kaserne appeared to be heavily occupied. On 17 February, SU-122 gun [] was seen at the small drill ground. 25X1
9. On 10 February, the former post hospital (2202) was occupied about 85 percent.
10. On 10 February, the former high school for girls (2204) was occupied about 50 percent.
11. On 22 February, several groups of soldiers received instruction on 120-mm mortars and drill at the drill ground on Steffiner Weg.
12. Between 12 and 23 February, vehicles passing through Neuruppin included: several M-13 rocket launchers, [] several trucks towing 57-mm AA guns [] several trucks towing 57-mm AT guns [] several M-3 armored personnel carriers, numerous sidecar motorcycles, BA-64 armored scout car [] T-34 tanks [] 1 truck towing 1 x 122-mm howitzers and 10 trucks towing 10 x 120-mm mortars [] 25X1
13. On 17 February, JS tanks [] and SU-249 gun [] left Neuruppin toward Kraenzlin. 25X1
14. On 15 February, tanks [] went to the Gentzrode training area, coming from the direction of Kraenzlin. Between 15 and 24 February, these tanks almost daily practiced firing with live ammunition. On several days, a detail of about company strength and wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced advancing by bounds with armored support. The troops, who followed the tanks, passed the about 1,500 meters in about 30 minutes. On 20 February, trucks [] carrying ration supplies went to Schweinrich coming from Neuruppin via Grafendamm. Other trucks [] arrived from the direction of Neuruppin. 25X1

[] Comment. Except for the firing practices near Gentzrode and west of Neuglie- 25X1
 nicke, the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div can be carried in their previous quarters 25X1
 until late February. [] confirms the 186th Gds Sig
 Bn [] of the division in Neuruppin until 22 February 1954. Senior Lieutenant Zeminov
 (fnu), [] probably is commanding officer of the 25X1
 battalion. [] confirms the 59th Tank Tng Bn [] of the division with the known
 supply officer, Gds Captain Zemyonov (fnu), in Neuruppin until 22 February 1954. Durovsky
 is known as Gds Major Szmuromsky (fnu) of Unit [] which, []
 [] belonged either to the 497th Arty Regt [] or the 89th Gds RL Bn [] of
 the division. This information definitely indicates the artillery regiment which thus,
 [] is confirmed in Neuruppin until late February 1954. 25X1

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